

HOUSE RESOLUTION 238  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Henry Parton of  
Wilson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of  
the passing of James Henry Parton; and

WHEREAS, James Parton was an exemplary public servant and consummate  
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in  
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parton served with acumen and alacrity as the Wilson County Tax  
Assessor, in which position he served the people of his community for twenty-five years; a  
diligent worker, Mr. Parton also spent many years farming in his small home community of  
Pulltight; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and forthright servant of the public, James Parton first gained  
election to the post of Wilson County Tax Assessor in 1959, and subsequently held the post  
until his retirement in 1984; and

WHEREAS, a talented southpaw pitcher, James Parton played for the Brooklyn Dodgers  
organization and the Detroit Tigers organization from 1946-1952; and

WHEREAS, possessing a love of the game, Mr. Parton later coached youth baseball for  
both the Local Kiwanis Little League and the Lions Club Babe Ruth League; and rendered  
sterling service as the Babe Ruth League President for several years; and

WHEREAS, a committed public servant, Mr. Parton was a member and past Master of  
Lebanon Lodge #98, a York Rite Mason, a member of the Al-Menah Shrine Temple, and a  
former member of the Lebanon Lions Club; he also served for several years on the Board of  
Trustees of the William D. Baird Scholarship Fund at Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, James Parton was an active and devout member of the Adams Grove Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as an elder; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, James Parton always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parton is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Helen; three children, Bobby Parton and wife Melinda, Sharon Parton Warren, and Marilyn Martin and husband Jimmy; and five grandchildren, Jessica Fain and husband Mark, Ashlee Parton, Rachel Martin, Elizabeth Martin, and Clint Martin; and

WHEREAS, James Parton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of James Henry Parton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Parton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.